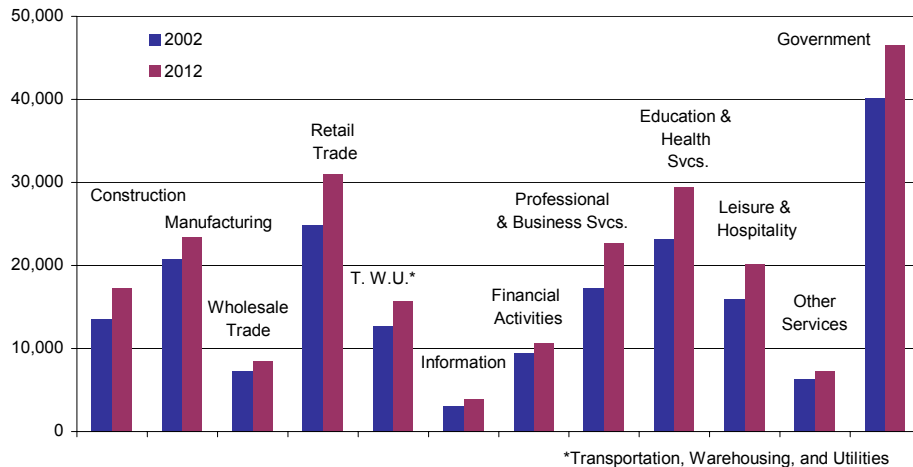


# San Joaquin County Projection Highlights

## Industry

Nonfarm wage and salary employment in San Joaquin County is expected to reach 236,800 by 2012, an annual growth rate of 2.2 percent. This growth rate exceeds the projected statewide growth rate for the same period, which is estimated at 1.8 percent. The Government sector is expected to produce the largest number of new jobs with over half occurring in the Local Government Education segment. The Education and Health Services and Retail Trade sectors follow closely, each forecasted to gain over 6,000 new jobs for the ten-year period. The Professional and Business Services sector is expected to have strong growth as well.

Below is a graph of the estimated 2002 and projected 2012 employment levels for the major industry sectors in San Joaquin County.



The fastest growth rate, measured by the annual percent growth, will occur in Professional and Business Services at 3.1 percent per year. The Construction sector follows closely with an average annual growth rate of 2.8 percent.

## Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002 to 2012 forecast:

- Approximately 42,000 new jobs from industry growth,
- Almost 48,000 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of about 90,000 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate almost 59 percent of all job openings during the 2002-2012 period. These occupations are expected to generate about 52,700 total job openings. The majority of the occupations on the list require short-term on-the-job training such as Cashiers, Retail Salespersons, and Laborers. Nurses, Elementary and Secondary School Teachers, and Managers are also forecasted to have a substantial number of job openings and require an associate degree or higher.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to outpace the county's annual growth rate. Occupations in Health Services, Construction, and Professional and Business Services are scattered throughout this list. Health-related occupations are commensurate with education, ranging from \$8 per hour with short-term training to more than \$47 per hour with a professional degree. Construction-related occupations require a minimum of moderate on-the-job training and pay more than \$12 per hour.

